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## Preface

The National Convention at the New York Session of 1907 adopted an Amendment to the Constitution of the Fraternity authorizing and directing the Constitution Committee to revise the Constitution and to codify the Convention Acts, Council Edicts, and Official Decisions, and providing that the report of the Committee, when approved by the National Council, should become *ipso facto* the Constitution and Codes of the Fraternity.

The National Council, in accordance with this Amendment, adopted the report of the Constitution Committee on July 26-27, 1907, and decreed it as exoteric law "to remain in force as long as the Fraternity's right and conservative growth may logically permit."

The exoteric law published herewith consists of three parts: (1) The Constitution; (2) The Statutory Code; and (3) The Disciplinary Code. The character and origin of each are briefly mentioned in introductory notices to the respective parts.

The footnotes, which are inserted throughout the document, are not necessarily binding, but are intended to explain in few words the historical development of important legislative provisions and to offer practical suggestions on the execution of the same, besides affording convenient cross-references between the Constitution and Codes.



THE CONSTITUTION



## Introductory Note

The Constitution of the Fraternity is, next to the Unwritten Work and the Ritual, the supreme authority in Alpha Chi Rho.

The first Constitution, drawn up when the government of the Fraternity was vested in the parent Chapter, remained in force with some alteration until the adoption of a temporary National instrument at the Philadelphia Session of 1900. The Hartford Session of 1903, in adopting a new Constitution that assured the national character of the Fraternity and the efficient administration of its affairs, inaugurated the series of most important and praiseworthy reforms which has strengthened Alpha Chi Rho in many ways. The Constitution of 1903 continued in force with few amendments until the present revision, which is a revision of the details of that document rather than of its principles.

## The Constitution

### ARTICLE I.

#### OF THE FRATERNITY OF ALPHA CHI RHO.

Section 1. *COMPOSITION.* The Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho is a national college fraternity. It is composed of all Brothers who have been regularly initiated into the Order and who adhere to the four Landmarks: Christianity, Morality, Brotherly Love, and Intrinsic Worth.

Sec. 2. *GOVERNMENT.* The government of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho is vested in the President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, the National Council, the Resident Chapters, and the Graduate Chapters, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

### ARTICLE II.

#### OF MEMBERSHIP IN ALPHA CHI RHO.

Sec. 1. *ELIGIBILITY.* No person is eligible to membership in Alpha Chi Rho unless he is an undergraduate or pursuing some post-graduate course at the institution at which a Resident Chapter is situated.

(II 1) Right to elect Honorary or Faculty members, which prior to 1903 had been freely vested in the Chapters, was restricted by the Constitution of that year to the National Convention, and is now, by this instrument, entirely prohibited. The amendment intends no reflection on the eleven Brothers who have been initiated as Honorary members, but the necessity no longer exists for the initiation of persons who are not college students.

The only instance in which Alpha Chi Rho has initiated Graduate members of a local society chartered by the Fraternity, is that of Phi Alpha, which was permitted to initiate the members who had composed it as a chapter of Psi Alpha Kappa from 1901 to 1903.



Sec. 2. **ELECTION.** Any man eligible to membership in Alpha Chi Rho may become a candidate upon the following conditions: (1) That his name be proposed to a Resident Chapter in council and thoroughly discussed; (2) That his name be brought to vote at a subsequent council, reasonable time having been afforded every Resident Brother of the Chapter to become acquainted with the man proposed; (3) That open ballot be taken under the direction of the proper Ritual Officer, each Brother who may vote negatively stating his reasons for so doing; (4) That, if possible, the vote of every Resident Brother absent from the council at which the balloting is held be obtained by the proper Ritual Officer during the week after the council; (5) That in announcing the result of the ballot, every Resident Brother who has not voted at the council or within one week be counted as voting affirmatively; (6) That the election be unanimous; (7) That a man once blackballed may never again become a candidate except by consent of the Brother or Brothers who blackballed him.

Sec. 3. **POSTULANTS AND INITIATES.** A candidate may become a postulant and a postulant may be initiated into the Fraternity, under the direction of the proper Ritual Officer; but he is provided that no candidate shall become a postulant until he has been acquainted with the Landmarks of the Fraternity, and that no postulant shall be initiated until he has passed a satisfactory examination on the principles of the Order.

Sec. 4. **RESIDENTS AND GRADUATES.** Broth-

(II 2) This section defines and legalizes the custom of election of new members which has grown up in the Chapters, i. e., of requiring each Brother to state his opinion of every man proposed. For the first time it is clearly stated that the ballot shall be open and unanimous. To require such ballot is the best guarantee of the enforcement of the third and fourth Landmarks. For "the proper Ritual Officer" and the form of balloting, consult the Ritual.

(II 2 (7) ) This states almost word for word a decision by Phi Psi, 16 Oct 1895.

(II 3) Every candidate for membership must be instructed in the Landmarks before he is pledged. This is part of the scheme of instruction and examination first authorized by the Brooklyn Session of 1906 and now in force in the Fraternity. See below, IV 9; V 3; and Statute II.

(II 4) The old nomenclature of "Active" and "Graduate" is

ers are designated *Resident* from the date of their initiation until they cease being students at the college or university where their Chapter is located; thereafter they are designated *Graduate*. Resident Brothers constitute the Resident Chapters; Graduate Brothers constitute the Graduate Chapters; Resident and Graduate Chapters together constitute the Phi's.

Sec. 5. **AFFILIATION IN ANOTHER PHI.** A Resident Brother in good standing may affiliate with any Resident Chapter, and any Graduate Brother in good standing, with any Chapter, by expressing his desire in writing and obtaining permission from the Chapter of original jurisdiction.

Sec. 6. **AFFILIATION IN THE SAME PHI.** A Resident Brother in good standing may affiliate with the Graduate Chapter of his Phi by stating his desire and reasons in writing and obtaining permission from the Resident Chapter and the National Council.

Sec. 7. **PRIVILEGES OF GRADUATE BROTHERS IN RESIDENT CHAPTERS.** A Graduate Brother, upon assuming the obligations of Resident membership, may be admitted at the discretion of the Resident Chapter of his Phi to all privileges of membership in said Resident Chapter except voting therein, for National Delegates.

now, changed to the more exact "Resident" and "Graduate." Membership in Alpha Chi Rho should be permanent in its allegiance and effort for the Fraternity, not merely during college days but throughout life. The time of *active* membership of a Brother extends from his initiation to the day of his death.

The word "Graduate" is not used in the commonly accepted connotation of one who has received a degree or diploma, but means one who has taken a step.

(II 5) Many college fraternities, largely because of a lack of homogeneity in membership, allow a Chapter to erect barriers against members of other Chapters. With Alpha Chi Rho, however, it is a fundamental principle that a Brother is just as much a Brother, and just as closely bound, to the Brother of another Chapter as to the Brother of the Chapter through which he was initiated into the Fraternity.

(II 6) This section is intended primarily for Brothers in university Chapters. It enables them, after having been several years in the university, to sever connection with the Resident Chapter and join the Graduate Chapter, even though they still remain Resident Brothers.

(II 7) The "obligations of Resident membership" are such as the Resident Chapter may legally impose, e. g., attendance at councils and payment of dues.

See below, IX 5.



Sec. 8. *PROHIBITION ON EXPELLED MEN.* No person who has been expelled from the Fraternity shall again become a member thereof.

Sec. 9. *PROHIBITION ON RESIGNATION.* No Brother may resign his membership in Alpha Chi Rho or voluntarily withdraw from the Fraternity.

Sec. 10. *DUAL MEMBERSHIP.* No member of another college fraternity is eligible to membership in Alpha Chi Rho; and no Brother in Alpha Chi Rho shall join any other college fraternity. The National Council has power to regulate membership of the Brothers in honorary, professional, and class societies.

Sec. 11. *RESTRICTION ON RESIDENT CHAPTERS.* The National Council has power at any time to regulate the size or character of membership in any Resident Chapter.

Sec. 12. *DISCIPLINARY CONTROL.* Disciplinary control shall be exercised over the Brothers by the President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, the National Council, and the Chapters, in accordance with provision of this Constitution and of the Disciplinary Code of the National Convention.

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(II 9) The Fraternity has never recognized any such thing as resignation or voluntary withdrawal from membership. There are many official decisions to this effect by the President of the Fraternity and the National Convention. Attempted resignation or withdrawal has always been regarded as manifest disloyalty.

(II 10) Membership in Theta Nu Epsilon and Acacia is forbidden by Edict 27 J1 1907. For restrictions imposed on membership in professional societies, see Statute IV.

(II 11) This is intended primarily to prevent too large Resident membership in any Chapter. The Fraternity feels that Brotherhood can best be developed in the small Chapter, where each Brother has the opportunity to know every other Brother intimately. The conservative Chapter is the best.

(II 12) Full details as to the exercise of this disciplinary control are contained in the Disciplinary Code of the Fraternity (pp. 51-57), a document which can be altered only in accordance with this Constitution and by three-fourths vote of the National Convention.

## ARTICLE III.

## OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRATERNITY.

Sec. 1. *ELIGIBILITY AND ELECTION.* The President of the Fraternity must be a Graduate Brother in good standing. He shall be elected by majority ballot at a regular session of the National Convention and hold office for the term of one year or until his successor shall have been elected and installed.

Sec. 2. *GENERAL POWERS.* The President of the Fraternity is the chief Ritual and executive Officer and the chief Servant of the Brotherhood. He shall enforce due observance of the Ritual, Constitution, and laws of the Fraternity. He shall decide all questions of law and order, and all appeals, which decisions shall be binding until reversed by the National Convention.

Sec. 3. *POWERS OVER CONVENTION AND OFFICERS.* The President of the Fraternity shall preside at the sessions of the National Convention and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. He has power to require the attendance of and information from any officer, respecting his office.

Sec. 4. *POWERS OVER CHAPTERS.* The President of the Fraternity shall visit each Resident Chapter officially at least once each year, personally, or, where such personal visitation is impossible, by a Deputy who shall be a member of the National Council, and examine into the condition of said Chapter, and on the occasion of such visit shall examine its books and records and see that they are properly kept; point out any errors he may ascertain in their conduct or mode of procedure; and take such other constitutional action as he shall think for the best interests of the Chapter. For the purpose of such visitation he may convene a Chapter at any time, preside therein during such convention, and require a full or partial rehearsal of the Ritual.

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(III) The powers and duties of the President of the Fraternity have remained practically the same as first defined at the Hartford Session of 1903. Chapter visitation alone was added at the New York Session of 1904.



Sec. 5. *DEPRIVATION.* The President of the Fraternity may be deprived of the prerogatives of his office by three-fourths vote of the National Convention.

Sec. 6. *ACCESSION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.* In case of the death, resignation, deprivation, or inability to act, of the President of the Fraternity, the Vice-President of the Fraternity shall discharge all the functions of the office in the name of the President of the Fraternity.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. *TITLES AND ELIGIBILITY.* The Officers of the Fraternity, in addition to the President of the Fraternity, are the Vice-President of the Fraternity, the National Secretary, two National Councillors, the National Treasurer, the National Editor, the Publication Manager, the National Recorder, the National Instructor, and the Attorney. All Officers must be Brothers in good standing.

Sec. 2. *ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS ON NATIONAL COUNCIL.* The Vice-President of the Fraternity, the National Secretary, and the two National Councillors shall be elected by majority ballot at a regular session of the National Convention. The first named shall hold office for the term of one year, and the others for the term of three years, or until their successors shall have been elected and installed. These Officers, together with the President of the Fraternity, shall constitute the National Council. Vacancies in office may be filled by the National Council at any time.

(III 5) The President of the Fraternity, as chief Servant of the entire Brotherhood, may not be removed from office by the National Convention, but he may be deprived of the prerogatives of his office. It is questionable whether he may be otherwise disciplined during his term of office.

(III 6) The proper form in such a case is "Brother . . . . . Vice-President of the Fraternity, acting in the name of the President of the Fraternity."

Sec. 3. *ELECTION OF OTHER NATIONAL OFFICERS.* The National Treasurer, the National Editor, the Publication Manager, the National Recorder, the National Instructor, and the Attorney shall be chosen by the National Council. The National Editor and the Publication Manager shall hold office from March thirty-first for the term of three years, and the others from March thirty-first for the term of one year, or until their successors shall have been chosen.

Sec. 4. *DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FRATERNITY.* The Vice-President of the Fraternity shall assist the President of the Fraternity in the discharge of his duties, and in case of the death, resignation, deprivation, or inability to act, of the President of the Fraternity, he shall discharge all the functions of the office in the name of the President of the Fraternity. He shall act as Supervisor of the Graduate Chapters and Clubs and of the Graduate Brothers of the Fraternity. At the sessions of the National Convention, he shall assist the President of the Fraternity in preserving order, superintend the balloting, and count votes upon division.

Sec. 5. *DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY.* The National Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the transactions of the National Convention and of the National Council; conduct the general correspondence of the Fraternity; draw all orders on the National Treasurer; keep a true account of the standing of all Resident and Graduate Chapters and of all Brothers; and make annual report in writing to the National Convention.

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(IV) Office in Alpha Chi Rho is for work—not glory. No Brother, no matter how popular and loyal, should be elected to National office without the minimum qualifications properly to discharge such office—the habit to do rather than to promise; the insight into the most practical means to a given end; last, but not least, the initiative without which a man remains a follower rather than a leader of men.

(IV 4) The office of Vice-President of the Fraternity was created at the Philadelphia Session of 1900; and its duties defined at the Hartford Session of 1903, and at the Brooklyn Session of 1906.

(IV 5) The office of National Secretary dates from the first Session of the National Convention (Hartford, 1899).



Sec. 6. *DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER.* The National Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the National Fraternity; keep a record of all receipts and expenditures; preserve all bills; report the condition of the Treasury whenever requested by the President of the Fraternity or by the National Council; and make annual report in writing to the National Convention.

Sec. 7. *DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL EDITOR AND OF THE PUBLICATION MANAGER.* The National Editor and the Publication Manager shall edit and publish *The Garnet and White*, *The Labarum*, and other publications of the Fraternity, subject to the general control of the National Council. They shall make annual reports in writing to the National Convention.

Sec. 8. *DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL RECORDER.* The National Recorder shall assist the National Secretary in keeping the official roll of the Chapters and Brothers and in such work as may be necessary to preserve data for use in publishing the history and catalogue of the Fraternity.

Sec. 9. *DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR.* The National Instructor shall super-

(IV 6) The office of National Treasurer likewise dates from the Hartford Session of 1899. His election, vested in the National Convention until 1907, is now vested in the National Council.

(IV 7) Alpha Chi Rho was the first Fraternity to maintain a publication during its first decade. "*The Garnet and White*" was first suggested to Phi Psi on the 12th of October, 1898, and edited as a local chapter publication. Its publication as a Fraternity magazine was authorized by the Hartford Session of 1899, and the first number appeared in September, 1900. At the Hartford Session of 1903, *The Garnet and White* was put under the general control of the National Council, and under the immediate control of the Managing Editor and the Business Manager. The present Constitution has changed the office titles and duties from those of Managing Editor and Business Manager of *The Garnet and White*, to those of National Editor and Publication Manager, respectively, vesting their election not in the National Convention as hitherto, but in the National Council. See Statutes XIV-XXII.

(IV 8) The Brooklyn Session of 1906 authorized the appointment of an "Assistant Secretary," which office has been developed into that of "National Recorder."

(IV 9). An important new office created by this Constitution.

intend the education of postulants and Brothers in the principles, history, and policy of the Fraternity; give such instruction and conduct such examinations as may be thought necessary or expedient; keep a true account of the proficiency of the Brothers; and make annual report in writing to the National Convention.

Sec. 10. *DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY.* The Attorney shall act as legal advisor to the President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council.

Sec. 11. *OTHER DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.* The Officers of the Fraternity shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Constitution and the laws of the Fraternity.

Sec. 12. *REMOVAL.* Any officer, except the President of the Fraternity, may be removed from office by three-fourths vote of the National Convention. Any officer, except a voting member of the National Convention or a member of the National Council, may be removed from office by four-fifths vote of the National Council. Vacancy in office is filled by the National Council.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. *TITLES AND APPOINTMENT.* The President of the Fraternity shall annually appoint standing committees on Ritual, Instruction, and Discipline,

See above, II 3; and below, V 3. For rules governing instruction and examination, see Statute II.

(IV 10) An office created by this Constitution and designed to assist the Fraternity corporation.

(IV 12) See below, note on VII 10.

(V) The Constitution of 1903 provided for standing committees on Constitution and Finance, the duties of which are now discharged largely by the National Council. The Committee on Discipline was created by the New York Session of 1907; those on Ritual and Instruction, by this Constitution. Experience has shown that committees are apt to be the weakest agents of government, chiefly because of the spasmodic and voluntary character of their efforts. Committeemen should possess initiative and a well developed sense of responsibility. Committees should be training schools for National workers.



consisting of three members each. All Committeemen must be Brothers in good standing.

Sec. 2. *THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.* The Committee on Ritual shall assist the President of the Fraternity in his Ritual duties.

Sec. 3. *THE COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION.* The Committee on Instruction shall assist the National Instructor in the discharge of his duties; and, with the cooperation of the National Instructor and the approval of the National Convention or National Council, shall make such rules and regulations for the conduct of Fraternity instruction and examination as may be thought necessary or expedient.

Sec. 4. *THE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.* The Committee on Discipline shall hear and consider all appeals and complaints made to the National Convention; conduct all trials coming within the jurisdiction of the National Convention; and report each case with recommendations to the National Convention.

Sec. 5. *SPECIAL DUTY OF CHAIRMEN.* The Chairman of each standing committee shall act as its Secretary and keep a faithful record of its official transactions, which record shall be submitted to the National Council whenever required.

Sec. 6. *REMOVAL.* Any Committeeman may be removed from office by the President of the Fraternity or by four-fifths vote of the National Council. Vacancy in committee is filled by the President of the Fraternity.

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(V 2) The President of the Fraternity is the supreme authority of the Fraternity in the execution and interpretation of the Ritual. This Committee on Ritual should not only advise him in his work, but should do their utmost to develop interest in our Ritual and see that it is properly discharged throughout the Fraternity.

(V 3) See above, II 3; IV 9. For rules governing instruction and examination, see Statute II.

(V 4) See the Disciplinary Code (pp. 51-57), especially Sections 24-27.

## ARTICLE VI.

## OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Sec. 1. *POWERS.* All powers not specially delegated to the President of the Fraternity, the National Council, the Resident Chapters, or the Graduate Chapters, are delegated to the National Convention.

Sec. 2. *COMPOSITION.* The National Convention shall be composed of the Officers of the Fraternity, and of National Delegates as follows: the Resident Brothers in each Resident Chapter shall elect two regular and two alternate National Delegates, and each Graduate Chapter shall elect two regular and two alternate National Delegates. National Delegates in all cases shall be properly accredited by the Chapter, and hold office for the term of one year or until their successors shall have been elected. National Delegates elected in Resident Chapter shall be elected at the second regular council in January.

Sec. 3. *SESSIONS.* The National Convention shall hold one regular session each year, beginning on the third Thursday in February, at such place as may be determined upon at the preceding regular session. But the National Council may change the precise time and place of holding the session, if they deem it for the best interests of the Fraternity so to do, which change shall be announced, at the latest, before the first of February preceding. The National Council may call

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(VI) The National Convention is, next to the Ritual and Constitution, the chief authority in the Fraternity. It typifies the dignity, the self-esteem, the unity of our democratic Brotherhood.

(VI 3) The first session of the National Convention was held at Hartford, Conn., on the 23rd and 24th of June, 1899. The sessions prior to that of 1907 were held under chapter auspices; they are now held under the auspices of the National Council and of a special resident committee.

The great importance of Convention sessions is the ever resultant increase of enthusiasm in Fraternity work. Every Alpha Chi should make special endeavor to attend at least one session; the chances are that he will then become a confirmed Convention-goer. Alpha Chi Rho has always taken pride in the large percentage of its members who attend the Fraternity's great annual celebration.



special sessions of the National Convention when they deem it necessary or expedient for the interests of the Fraternity; and, upon petition of one-half of the Resident Chapters or one-half of the Graduate Chapters, the President of the Fraternity and the National Secretary shall call such sessions. No business shall be originated at a special session except such as is mentioned in the call, and notices thereof, with a copy of the call, shall be sent to each Chapter at least three weeks prior to the time of its commencement.

Sec. 4. *QUORUM*. A quorum shall consist of one-third of all National Delegates entitled to seats in the National Convention.

Sec. 5. *VOTING*. Each National Delegate sitting in the National Convention has one vote. In case of tie, the President of the Fraternity has the casting vote. Proxy voting is not allowed. No member of the National Convention is bound by any action of his Chapter, but is responsible only to the Fraternity and to the National Convention. A majority vote decides all questions, unless otherwise provided. To remove an Officer, to deprive the President of the Fraternity of his rights and powers, to suspend a Chapter or a Brother, or to amend the Disciplinary Code of the Fraternity, requires a three-fourths vote. To expel a Brother, or to cancel the charter of a Chapter, requires a unanimous vote exclusive of the National Delegates elected by the Phi to which the Brother or Chapter under consideration belongs.

(VI 5) It must be remembered that the National Delegates are not in any sense officers of the Chapters; they are elected in Chapters simply for convenience in order to ensure a vote to every Brother in the Fraternity; they are styled Delegates, not because they are Delegates of Chapter, but because to them the Fraternity as a whole has delegated important powers.

Two vital points should always be borne in mind in law making: (1) That the National Convention cannot of itself amend the Ritual or Constitution of the Fraternity; and (2) That there is great danger in making too many laws.

The principal constructive work in the Fraternity was done at the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth Sessions of the National Convention. Of subsequent sessions it is not so much the work to construct new methods as to amend and enforce standing laws. To keep this fact always in mind is to save ourselves from the annoyance of unstable and constantly altered laws on the one hand, and from the puerilities of forced or needless legislation on the other.

Sec. 6. *REPORTS*. All Resident and Graduate Chapters shall make returns as required by the National Convention. Any Chapter failing to make report or to pay tax, assessment, or fine, shall be reported to the National Convention as not in good standing, and the National Delegates elected in such reported Chapter shall not be permitted to sit in the National Convention until it shall have been placed in good standing.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Sec. 1. *COMPOSITION*. The National Council consists of the President and the Vice-President of the Fraternity, the National Secretary, and the two National Councilors. The National Council may invite other Brothers to attend its meetings but not to vote therein.

Sec. 2. *OFFICERS*. The President of the Fraternity is *ex-officio* chairman, and the National Secretary is *ex-officio* secretary, of the National Council.

(VI 6) See Statutes VI and XXIII. Among the returns required by the Chapters are the registration notices and bi-monthly reports to the National Secretary and the National Recorder, and the annual report to the National Convention.

(VII) The development of the National Council is significant of the increased strength of the Fraternity and the greater need of efficient administration. "Better one law enforced than ten made." The National Council had its origin on the 16th of October, 1895, as a committee of Phi Psi on extension. In 1899, it became a committee of the National Convention composed of one Brother from each Chapter. In 1900, its title was changed to "National Charter Council." In 1903 it became the "National Council," not only with power to grant charters but with practically all its present rights and duties as an executive authority, an advisory committee to the President of the Fraternity, and a Board of Trustees of the Fraternity corporation. Since 1904 it has been composed of five members elected by the National Convention. The present Constitution makes the Vice-President of the Fraternity one of the five members and deprives the National Council of the final right of granting charters.



Sec. 3. *MEETINGS.* The National Council shall hold at least two stated meetings each year at such time and place as it may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President of the Fraternity or of any three members. Notices of all meetings must be sent to all the members of the National Council. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4. *GENERAL DUTIES.* The National Council is the legal Board of Trustees of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho, the advisory board of the President of the Fraternity, and the supreme executive authority of the Fraternity during the interim of sessions in all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the National Convention. It shall exercise the powers, conduct the business, and control the property of the Fraternity, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the laws of the National Convention.

Sec. 5. *JURISDICTION OVER CHAPTERS.* The National Council has power on unanimous vote to propose the grant of charters for new Chapters and to suspend any Resident or Graduate Chapter for proper cause. It may by unanimous vote take into its keeping the charter of any Chapter at any time and temporarily discharge the functions of said Chapter. It has power at any time to regulate the size or character of membership in any Resident Chapter; and to regulate membership of the Brothers in honorary, professional, and class societies.

Sec. 6. *JUDICIAL POWERS.* The National Council is a high court of justice with power to suspend any Brother from membership in the Fraternity, subject in every case to appeal to the President of the Fraternity or to the National Convention.

(VII 3) A majority vote of all members of the National Council, not merely of those present at a meeting, are necessary to transact business. [President of the Fraternity from chair, on question, 9 Aug 1907.]

(VII 4) The Fraternity was incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut as "The Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho" on the 21st of September, 1895.

(VII 5) For note on the regulation of membership in Resident Chapter, see above, II 11.

(VII 6) Judicial power was accorded to the National Council in 1904. For procedure, see Disciplinary Code (pp. 51-57), especially Sections 19-23.

Sec. 7. *CONTROL OF FINANCES.* The National Council shall audit all bills and claims presented and the books and accounts of the Officers, and submit at each regular session of the National Convention a full written report of the state of the finances and an estimated budget of expenses for the succeeding year. It may appropriate money subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the laws of the National Convention.

Sec. 8. *CONTROL OF OFFICES.* The National Council shall regularly examine into the condition of the offices of the National Secretary, the National Treasurer, the National Recorder, and the National Instructor, and see that their books and records are properly kept.

Sec. 9. *CONTROL OF PUBLICATIONS.* The National Council has general control of the publications of the Fraternity.

Sec. 10. *POWERS OF APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL.* The National Council shall fill all vacancies in the National Offices. It has power by four-fifths vote to remove any officer or committeeman, except a voting member of the National Convention or a member of the National Council, from office in the National Fraternity or in any Chapter.

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(VII 7) These duties, formerly exercised by a finance committee, are now entrusted to the National Council in its capacity as Board of Trustees. The duties incident to the management of the Fraternity's finances have increased greatly in the last few years. The auditing of accounts and the preparation of a budget for the next year are duties which require careful attention and a thorough knowledge of the details of the Fraternity's affairs.

(VII 8) An important provision added in 1907.

(VII 9) See above, note on IV 7; and Statutes XIV-XVI, XIX-XXI.

(VII 10) "The National Council may not remove a voting member of the National Convention from his office of National Delegate, but may remove him from any other office; similarly, the National Council may not remove a member of the National Council from his office of National Councillor, but may remove him from any other." [President of the Fraternity from chair, on question, 9 Aug 1907.]



Sec. 11. *LEGISLATIVE POWERS.* The National Council has power to adopt and issue edicts for the execution of powers expressly granted by this Constitution, and such other edicts as are conformable to this Constitution, the Ritual of the Fraternity, and the laws of the National Convention. The National Council has power within three months after any session of the National Convention to declare, by four-fifths vote, its veto of any law or resolution, or any part thereof, passed at such session of the National Convention, and such law or resolution, or part thereof, so vetoed, shall be of no force and effect unless re-passed by two-thirds vote at the next succeeding regular session of the National Convention, or at a special session called for such purpose.

Sec. 12. *RECORD.* The National Council, through the National Secretary, shall present at each regular session of the National Convention the record of all meetings held during the year.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### OF RESIDENT CHAPTERS.

Sec. 1. *COMPOSITION.* A Resident Chapter is an organization legally formed and holden, comprising all the Resident Brothers of a Phi and such Graduate Brothers thereof as assume the obligations of Resident membership.

Sec. 2. *INSTITUTION.* A Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho shall be instituted only upon the petition in writing of not less than seven duly registered students of some

(VII 11) Partial veto power over Convention Acts, vested in the National Council, is a new feature of this edition of the Constitution and is intended to prevent hasty and ill-considered legislation and unnecessary changes in laws, while not preventing the adoption of needed modifications.

(VIII 2) This is a section added in 1907. Chapters instituted from 1895 to 1900 were chartered by Phi Psi; from 1901 to 1907, by the National Council acting on behalf of the National Convention; henceforth they are to be chartered by the Frater-

college or university of good standing and repute. The character and qualifications of such petitioners must be examined and proven. The petition, together with such information as may be required by the National Council, shall be transmitted to the National Secretary, who shall present the same to the National Council for action thereon; if the National Council by unanimous vote shall approve the petition, the National Secretary shall communicate the same to the Resident Chapters; and if no veto (to be determined by majority vote) is received from any Resident Chapter within thirty days thereafter, the National Council shall issue a charter to the petitioners by authority of which they shall be constituted a Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho.

Sec. 3. *POWERS.* Each Resident Chapter has power to elect and initiate postulants, to choose its Officers, to manage its own finances, to hear and determine matters of difference between its Resident members, and to make by-laws and rules for its own government and support, subject in every case to the Ritual and Constitution of the Fraternity and the reserved powers of the President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council.

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nity acting through the National Council and the Resident Chapters.

With the exception of the unfortunate Phi Upsilon at the State University of Iowa (1899-1902), the Fraternity has always been essentially conservative, whether in National or local growth. "National," as used in Alpha Chi Rho, has no reference to the American nation, but simply distinguishes the Fraternity from any local society. The general policy of the Fraternity towards National growth has been repeatedly affirmed, an especially important and significant statement being the following resolution of 27 July 1907: "Inasmuch as the closest possible tie must be secured between all the Brothers, the National Council is of the opinion that National growth should be conservative and careful, that Chapters should be instituted only in colleges or universities of approved standing, within easy reach of each other, and declares it to be the policy of the National Council not to charter any Chapter unless it be situated within the present limits of the original ten colonies north of North Carolina." The National Council believed that, in passing this resolution, it was interpreting the sentiment of a majority of the Brothers. The resolution governs our present policy, but is obviously susceptible of judicious future change if unexpected developments so require.



Sec. 4. *OFFICERS.* Each Resident Chapter shall have all the Ritual Officers. In addition, each Chapter shall elect by majority ballot, at the second regular council in January, a Corresponding Secretary and a Recorder, to hold office for the term of one year or until their successors shall have been elected.

Sec. 5. *THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.* The Corresponding Secretary shall represent the National Organization in the Resident Chapter, and assist the President of the Fraternity and the National Council in carrying out their edicts; conduct promptly the general correspondence of the Resident Chapter; and promptly make out and forward to their destinations such reports, statements, and notices as may be required by the National Secretary or the National Council.

Sec. 6. *THE RECORDER.* The Recorder shall preserve all books, records, pamphlets, periodicals, and other documents of a permanent character in the Resident Chapter. He shall see that all records, correspondence, books, and such documents as require it, are bound and properly cared for. He shall act as Resident Chapter correspondent to The Garnet and White.

Sec. 7. *FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.* The charter of a Resident Chapter may be forfeited by contumacy to the authority of the President of the Fraternity, of the National Convention, or of the National Council; by failure to hold regular councils; or by neglect to make returns and pay taxes. No Chapter may resign or voluntarily withdraw from the Fraternity.

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(VIII 4) The organization of Resident Chapters, unlike that of the other agents of government in the Fraternity, is esoteric. For its provisions, consult the Ritual Code.

Election to office is not the granting of an honor but is the assignment of work to be done. Popularity in the Chapter has nothing to do with the choice of an officer—efficiency is the sole criterion.

(VIII 5) The Corresponding Secretary is a very important chapter officer. He should be energetic, enthusiastic, prompt in answering letters, and have some knowledge of business correspondence.

(VIII 6) Formerly designated "Associate Editor of The Garnet and White." Select for this office the Brother who has talent for this sort of work. Too few Resident Brothers appreciate the importance of properly preserving chapter records. See Statutes XV and XVIII.

Sec. 8. *REVOCATION OF CHARTER.* The National Convention may by three-fourths vote suspend a Resident Chapter, or may by unanimous vote, exclusive of the National Delegates elected in the Phi whose Chapter is under consideration, cancel the charter of a Resident Chapter. The National Council may by unanimous vote suspend a Resident Chapter, or take into its keeping the charter of any Resident Chapter at any time and temporarily discharge the functions of such Chapter.

## ARTICLE IX.

### OF GRADUATE CHAPTERS.

Sec. 1. *COMPOSITION.* A Graduate Chapter is an organization legally formed and holden, comprising all the Graduate Brothers of a Phi and such Resident Brothers as are allowed by the Resident Chapter and the National Council to become members thereof. Graduate Chapters are under the general control of the Vice-President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council.

Sec. 2. *FORMATION.* To form a Graduate Chapter, it is necessary that there be seven Graduate Brothers; that a formal meeting of organization be held, notice of which meeting must be given two weeks prior to all Graduate Brothers of the Phi in good standing; that notice of such organization be filed at once with the National Secretary; and that the Chapter be accorded recognition by a majority vote of the National Council.

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(IX) Alpha Chi Rho has made considerable progress in organizing the Graduate Brothers. The provisions of this article were adopted in the main at the Brooklyn Session of 1906. The nomenclature is now changed from Graduate Association to Graduate Chapter.

(IX 1) Every Graduate Brother must be a member of some Graduate Chapter, if there be a Graduate Chapter of his Phi. For duties of the Vice-President of the Fraternity, see above, IV 4.



Sec. 3. *POWERS.* Each Graduate Chapter has power to choose its officers, to manage its own finances, and to make by-laws for its own government and support, subject in every case to the Ritual and Constitution of the Fraternity and the reserved powers of the President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council.

Sec. 4. *OFFICERS.* Each Graduate Chapter shall have the following officers, elected annually: President, Resident, and Secretary-Treasurer. The duties of the President and of the Secretary-Treasurer, except where otherwise provided, shall be such as usually pertain to those offices. The Resident shall be chosen from the Graduate Brothers who reside in the vicinity of the Resident Chapter at the time of election, and shall act as official Graduate advisor to the Resident Chapter; keep the Resident Chapter informed of the principal doings of the Graduate Chapter; and report to the Secretary-Treasurer the names and addresses of Brothers of the Resident Chapter who become Graduate Brothers, and of the principal doings of the Resident Chapter. The three officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. Vacancies in the executive offices or in the office of National Delegate may be filled by vote of the Executive Committee at any time.

Sec. 5. *NATIONAL DELEGATES.* Every Brother in good standing in a Graduate Chapter shall have the right to vote in the election of National Delegates in such Chapter; and if there be less than the seven Graduate Brothers requisite to form a Graduate Chapter, such Brothers may vote for National Delegates in the Resident Chapter of their Phi; Article II, Section 7, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 6. *MEETINGS.* Every Graduate Chapter shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the

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(IX 4) The work of each Graduate Chapter depends largely upon the Secretary. He should be carefully selected, and retained in office as long as possible.

On special duties of the Resident, see Statute XXIV.

(IX 5) How the first part of this provision is to be executed is left to the discretion of each Graduate Chapter.

(IX 6) Annual meetings of most Graduate Chapters are held at commencement time.

Executive Committee may decide, notice of which meeting shall be sent to all members of the Chapter at least ten days preceding the time appointed. At the annual meeting the executive officers shall be elected. Meetings other than the annual meeting may be held at the discretion of the Chapter or of the Executive Committee. Proxy voting is allowable at meetings of Graduate Chapters.

Sec. 7. *ANNUAL REPORT.* The Secretary-Treasurer shall annually prepare a report of the Graduate Chapter, containing a list of all the members with their last-given addresses, a general account of the condition of the Fraternity at large and a specific account of the condition of the Phi; and after such report shall have been approved by the Executive Committee, a copy thereof shall be sent to every Graduate Brother of the Chapter.

Sec. 8. *RELATION TO RESIDENT CHAPTER.* A Graduate Chapter has no superior governmental control over the allied Resident Chapter, but shall offer from time to time such advice as the good of the Fraternity may require.

Sec. 9. *SUSPENSION AND DISSOLUTION.* A Graduate Chapter may be suspended by the National Convention or by the National Council; and may be dissolved by the National Convention. A Graduate Chapter is liable to suspension or dissolution by contumacy to the authority of the President of the Fraternity, of the National Convention, or of the National Council. No Chapter may resign or voluntarily withdraw from the Fraternity. A Graduate Chapter is not extinguished by the allied Resident Chapter becoming inactive.

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(IX 7) These annual reports are the beginnings of a system of keeping the Graduate Brothers in touch with the Fraternity, a system of which the Secretary of the Graduate Chapter is the center. Once a year every Alpha Chi will be given an opportunity to learn the exact condition of the Fraternity and of his Phi. The reports, as developed in the future, will be, moreover, of incalculable value for reference.



## ARTICLE X.

## OF CLUBS.

Sec. 1. *COMPOSITION.* Brothers may organize Clubs for social purposes in towns, cities, districts, or States of the United States, or in foreign countries, but notice of such organization shall be filed with the National Secretary.

Sec. 2. *POWERS.* Each Club has power to make rules and regulations for its own government and support, provided that such rules and regulations are conformable to this Constitution and the laws of the Fraternity.

Sec. 3. *CONTROL.* All Clubs are under the general control of the Vice-President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council.

## ARTICLE XI.

## OF FINANCE AND PROPERTY.

Sec. 1. *TAXATION OF BROTHERS.* Taxes and assessments may be levied by any Resident Chapter on its Resident Brothers or on Graduate Brothers who assume the obligations of its Resident membership. Taxes and assessments may be levied by any Graduate Chapter on its members.

Sec. 2. *REVENUE OF THE FRATERNITY.* The National Convention may derive revenue from charter fees, taxes, assessments, fines, or in any manner it may from time to time direct. The National Convention has authority over all expenditures, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

(X I) The Graduate Brothers are in general obliged to belong to Graduate Chapters, i. e., the organizations which are formed on the basis of distribution of Graduates by Phi's; in addition, Graduate Brothers should belong, wherever possible, to Graduate Clubs, i. e., to organizations which are formed on the basis of the geographical distribution of the Brothers.

(XI 2) See Statutes III 2; VIII 3; IX.

Sec. 3. *CARE OF FUNDS.* The National Council has general care, and the National Treasurer immediate care, of the funds of the Fraternity.

Sec. 4. *PERMANENT FUND.* There shall be a fund designated as the "Permanent Fund," revenue for which shall be provided by the National Convention. The Permanent Fund shall be drawn upon only as follows: (1) In loans to be made on good security at the discretion of the National Council to assist Chapters, the amounts of such loans, when repaid, being returned to said fund; and (2) The income shall be used as provided by law.

Sec. 5. *PROPERTY.* All real estate, chapter houses and the furnishings thereof, and all Ritual paraphernalia and official records of any kind, shall be held in the name of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho, title to the same being vested in the National Council as the Board of Trustees of the Fraternity Corporation. Such property shall be administered subject to this Constitution and the laws of the Fraternity.

Sec. 6. *OWNERSHIP OF BADGE.* Property right to all Badges is vested in the Fraternity, and the National Council has power to adopt edicts to give full force to this provision.

## ARTICLE XII.

## OF AMENDMENT.

Sec. 1. *MANNER.* All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be presented in writing to the National Council, together with reasons why the same

(XI 3) See Statutes VIII; X; XVI.

(XI 4) See Statute X 1.

"The Permanent Fund" was established at the Philadelphia Session of 1905.

(XI 6) The proper Chapter Officer should see that every postulant signs the required "Contract of Bailment" of the Badge immediately before his initiation.

(XII) This is a provision for amending the Constitution aimed to prevent unnecessary and ill-considered amendments, and at the same time to secure a more general voice in matters affecting the Constitution of the Fraternity.



should be adopted. If passed by a majority vote of the National Council, the National Secretary shall, immediately thereafter, submit them as presented to the various Chapters. For adoption they shall require three-fourths vote of those voting in each of three-fourths of all the Chapters, both Resident and Graduate.

If any proposed amendment be not approved by a majority in the National Council, its originator shall be so notified, and, upon the request of any three Chapters of different Phi's, said proposed amendment shall be presented to all the Chapters, and shall require for adoption a three-fourths vote of those voting thereon in every Resident and Graduate Chapter.

Power to amend this Constitution shall not be delegated.

## THE STATUTORY CODE



## Introductory Note

"The Statutes of the Fraternity are the collected and classified laws and official pronouncements of the Fraternity, of whatever source, of permanent binding force, in harmony and made in accordance with the Ritual and Constitution of the Fraternity. They include Acts, Edicts, and Official Decisions. *Acts*, or *Enactments*, are laws passed by the National Council; *Edicts* are laws passed by the National Council; *Official Decisions* are laws by pronouncement. Any law, unless expressly provided otherwise, can be repealed by the authority which passed it or by higher constitutional authority."  
—President of the Fraternity from chair, on question, 9 Aug 1907.

## The Statutory Code

### STATUTE I.

Section 1. *NOMENCLATURE OF RESIDENT CHAPTERS.* Every Resident Chapter shall be named by the National Council with two Greek letters, the first of which shall be Phi. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 2. *NOMENCLATURE OF GRADUATE CHAPTERS.* Every Graduate Chapter shall be known by the name of the allied Resident Chapter. [Act 806.]

Sec. 3. *FORM OF CHARTER.* The National Council shall have power to determine the form of charter. [Act 608.]

### STATUTE II.

Sec. 1. *POWERS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OVER INSTRUCTION.* The National Council is authorized to adopt text books and make rules for the instruction and education of postulants and Brothers. [Act 804.]

Sec. 2. *EXAMINATION OF POSTULANTS.* The National Instructor shall prepare annually uniform examination papers based upon the information contained in the "Exoteric Manual for the Instruction of

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(I 1) It is interesting to note that the first five Chapters, which were chartered by Phi Psi, were named with the last letters of the Greek Alphabet, and that Chapters chartered by the National Council have been named with the first letters of the alphabet.

(I 3) Cf. former Acts 103, 304, 311, 503. Forms of charter have been adopted by Rule of Phi Psi, 25 Mch 1896; Act 311; and Edict 16 Ap 1904.

(II) See Constitution, IV 9; V 3; and II 3, note.



Postulants"; and after these papers shall have been approved by the National Committee on Instruction, he shall send copies of the same to the proper Ritual Officers of the several Chapters, who shall conduct thereon a written examination of each postulant shortly before his initiation. The answers submitted by the postulant shall be marked by the proper chapter Ritual Officer, and a grade of at least 75 per cent. must be attained by the postulant before his initiation. All papers receiving a satisfactory grade shall be forwarded immediately to the National Instructor, who shall have charge of reviewing and power to regrade the same. No initiate shall be entitled to receive his membership certificate or to hold office in his Chapter until such review shall have been made and his papers found satisfactory. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 3. *EXAMINATION OF INITIATES.* Every initiate shall be required to pass a thorough oral examination on important matters of Ritual and Constitution. The proper chapter Ritual Officer shall hold such an examination for each initiate singly as soon after each initiation as the initiate, in his judgment, shall have had time to study the Ritual and Constitution; he shall report promptly to the National Instructor or the name of the initiate, date of such examination, and grade attained by the initiate. No initiate shall be eligible to office until he shall have passed such examination. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 4. *OTHER EXAMINATIONS.* The National Instructor shall have power, with the advice and consent of the National Committee on Instruction and of the National Council, to make such further provisions and regulations from time to time for the instruction and examination of postulants and Brothers as he may think advantageous or expedient. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

(II 2) The first manual of instruction was set forth by Reverend Brother Paul Ziegler on the 1st of January, 1895, on which subsequent manuals have been based. The present "Exoteric Manual for the Instruction of Postulants" was reported to the National Council on the 17th of June, 1907. Cf. former Acts 112, 116, 502, 601.

### STATUTE III.

Sec. 1. *FORM OF MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE.* The National Council is authorized to draw up, adopt, and issue a form of membership certificate for use in the Fraternity. [Acts 101, 606, 709.]

Sec. 2. *RULES GOVERNING ISSUE OF MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES.* (1) Membership Certificates shall be issued by the National Secretary to each new member free of charge on receipt of his registration notice and of the statement that he has satisfactorily passed the postulants' examination. (2) Blank duplicates shall be issued for twenty-five cents each. (3) Certificates shall be issued to Graduate Brothers for twenty-five cents each. [Edicts 28 Mch 1907, 26 J1 1907.]

### STATUTE IV.

Sec. 1. *RESTRICTION ON MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES.* No Brother may join a professional fraternity without obtaining the permission of the National Council. [Act 913.]

Sec. 2. *RULES GOVERNING MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES.* (1) A Brother, to obtain permission to join any professional fraternity, must be in good standing in Alpha Chi Rho, and out of debt to his Chapter. (2) Request for permission to join a professional fraternity must be sent to the National Secretary, who shall refer the same at once to the members of the National Council for consideration. Permission shall be granted on unanimous approval of all replies received by the National Secretary within one week thereafter. (3) Every permission granted shall be accompanied by admonition to the Brother concerned of his prior duties to Alpha Chi Rho. (4) No

(III 1) The form now in use was adopted by the National Council, 16 Ap 1904. Cf. Rule of Phi Psi, 22 Nov 1895; and Convention Acts 101, 606, 709.

(III 2) Cf. former Edicts 16 Ap 1904, and 25 Mch 1905.

(IV 2) Membership in Theta Nu Epsilon and Acacia is forbidden by Edict 27 J1 1907.



Brother shall be permitted to join a professional fraternity which is not of good repute. [Edict 28 Mch 1907.]

### STATUTE V.

Sec. 1. *PROHIBITION ON HAZING.* No hazing or mock ceremony shall be associated with the formal initiation of postulants of the Fraternity, either before, after, or at the time of said initiation. [Act 809.]

### STATUTE VI.

Sec. 1. *NATIONAL CONVENTION CREDENTIALS.* The National Secretary shall prepare a form of credential for the use of the Chapters in accrediting National Delegates to the National Convention, and such form, together with the receipt of the National Treasurer showing that the Chapter's dues have been paid, shall constitute the complete credentials of said National Delegates. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 2. *CHAPTERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING.* No Chapter in arrears for dues, fees, assessments, or fines to the National Treasury or to The Garnet and White, shall be entitled to representation in the National Convention. [Acts 810, 907; Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 3. *COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CONVENTION CREDENTIALS.* The National Council shall act as a committee on credentials and report as such through the National Secretary at the beginning of each session of the National Convention. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

(V) The Ritual expressly vests control of hazing and mock ceremonies in the National Convention.

(VI 1) See Constitution, VI 5, note.

(VI 3) This has been customary since the Hartford Session of 1903.

### STATUTE VII.

Sec. 1. *PRESENTATION OF MEASURES IN NATIONAL CONVENTION.* All motions, resolutions, and reports intended for the consideration of the National Convention shall be submitted in writing and signed by the Brother by whom submitted, and shall be sent to the desk of the National Secretary and read twice before action may be taken thereon. [Act 801.]

Sec. 2. *FORM OF ENACTMENT.* Every motion so presented which is intended to become a permanent law of the Fraternity, shall begin with the words, "Be it enacted by the National Convention in —th regular session assembled that—" [Act 801.]

Sec. 3. *FORM OF RESOLUTION.* Every resolution so presented shall begin with the words, "Be it resolved by the National Convention in —th regular session assembled that—" [Act 801.]

Sec. 4. *FORM OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DECISION.* Every legal interpretation or decision of the National Convention shall begin with the words, "The National Convention of the Fraternity in —th regular session assembled hereby defines and decrees that—" [Act 801.]

Sec. 5. *FORM OF OTHER MOTIONS.* All motions of the National Convention not included under special headings as Enactments, Resolutions, or Decisions, shall be entered by the National Secretary in the record simply as motions. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 6. *GENERAL FORM OF LAWS.* Each provision of every law shall be drawn in a distinct paragraph. [Act 801.]

### STATUTE VIII.

Sec. 1. *FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL TREASURER.* All income of the Fraternity shall pass through the office of the National Treasurer and be accounted for by him; he shall keep a separate account for each fund in his possession; he shall make payments upon orders being legally drawn for the same. [Act 813.]

(VIII 1) For general duties of the National Treasurer, see Constitution, IV 6.



Sec. 2. *DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.* The National Treasurer shall deposit the funds of the Fraternity to his account as National Treasurer, in a bank or other depository selected by himself, subject to the approval of the National Council. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 3. *FINANCING EXPENSES.* The National Council has power to draw upon the National Treasury for all expenses connected with the financing of the Fraternity during the interim of the National Convention sessions. [Act 910.]

### STATUTE IX.

Sec. 1. *REGISTRATION FEE.* Each Resident Chapter shall pay to the National Treasury as registration fee, two dollars for each initiate. [Act 810.]

Sec. 2. *TAX ON RESIDENT CHAPTERS.* Each Resident Chapter shall pay to the National Treasury as tax, one dollar annually for each Resident Brother reported in good standing, the minimum tax being in each case fifteen dollars. [Act 810.]

Sec. 3. *TAX ON GRADUATE CHAPTERS.* Each Graduate Chapter shall pay to the National Treasury as tax, fifty cents annually for each Graduate Brother reported in good standing, the minimum tax being in each case fifteen dollars. [Act 810.]

Sec. 4. *CHARTER FEE.* Each new Chapter shall pay to the National Treasury as charter fee, such amount as the National Council may determine, but be it provided that in no case shall the charter fee exceed twenty-five dollars. [Acts 202, 705.]

The stated maximum amount of the charter fee is exclusive of the actual costs of institution. [President of the Fraternity from chair, on question, 25 My 1907.]

Sec. 5. *FINES.* Each Chapter whose bi-monthly report or The Garnet and White letter is more than one

(VIII 3) See Constitution, XI 2.

(IX) For former tax enactments, see Acts 208, 501, 602, 704, 810, 908.

(IX 4) The charter fee was originally fixed by Phi Psi at twenty-five dollars. [Regulation, 8 Ap 1896.]

week late shall pay a fine to the National Treasury of one dollar for each offense, and one dollar for each additional week that it is late. [Act 909.]

Sec. 6. *BASIS OF COMPUTATION OF OBLIGATIONS.* The basis of computation of the obligations of the Chapters shall be the official records of the National Secretary on February first of each year. [Act 908.]

### STATUTE X.

Sec. 1. *PROPORTION OF INCOME TO PERMANENT FUND.* One-third of the total income of the Fraternity shall go into the Permanent Fund. [Acts 703, 810, 813, Report Fin. Com. 1907.]

Sec. 2. *PROPORTION OF INCOME TO THE GARNET AND WHITE FUND.* One-ninth of the total income of the Fraternity shall go into The Garnet and White Fund, to be held by the Publication Manager. [Act 811.]

Sec. 3. *PROPORTION OF INCOME TO GENERAL FUND.* All income of the Fraternity, unless otherwise provided, shall go into the General Fund. The interest on the Permanent Fund may be applied by the National Council, at its discretion, to the General or the Permanent Fund. [Act 703, Edict 26 J1 1907.]

### STATUTE XI.

Sec. 1. *MORTGAGE AND SALE OF PROPERTY.* No Chapter shall incur or dispose of any personal property (without replacing the same), or incur or dispose of any real estate, without the written authority of the National Council. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

(XI) The Edicts of this statute were made under authority of the Constitution, XI 5 and VII 4.



Sec. 2. *TITLE RIGHT TO PROPERTY.* Every corporation trustee or chapter officer or other person who holds property for chapter house or other Fraternity purposes shall execute to the National Council as trustees of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho, a body corporate, such legal instrument as the National Council may provide, to protect the interests of the Fraternity in such property. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 3. *LEGAL FORM OF TITLE.* The National Council shall prescribe the legal form by which all real estate is to be acquired or held. [Edict 26 J1 1907].

## STATUTE XII.

Sec. 1. *TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE PRESIDENT.* The traveling expenses of the President of the Fraternity on the occasion of his official visits to the several Chapters, shall be paid from the National Treasury, and his entertainment shall be provided by the Chapter visited. [Act 603.]

## STATUTE XIII.

Sec. 1. *GENERAL CARE OF RITUAL BOOK.* The National Secretary shall keep a record in a separate book of the full number of copies printed in the 1905 edition of the Ritual, and of the location of each copy thereof; and he shall keep this book posted to date, and insert therein receipts for each copy of the Ritual sent out, such receipts to be signed by the proper officer at the time of receiving said copy. [Act 701.]

Sec. 2. *RIGHT TO HOLD COPIES OF RITUAL.* Each Resident Chapter shall be entitled to hold one copy of the Ritual, the President of the Fraternity to one copy during his term of office, and the Instituting Officer of a new Chapter to two copies, to be returned to the National Secretary within one week after the Chapter is instituted. No copies of the Ritual shall be held by any other person whatsoever, save by the National Secretary as elsewhere prescribed. [Act 701.]

Sec. 3. *TRANSMISSION OF RITUAL.* All copies

of the Ritual when sent by mail to or from any Chapter, or to or from the Fraternity binder, or elsewhere as permitted, shall be registered. [Act 701.]

Sec. 4. *STORAGE OF RITUAL.* A safety vault shall be rented by the National Council for the purpose of storing all remaining copies of the Ritual, the keys to which shall be held by the President of the Fraternity and the National Secretary or by deputy of either. In this box shall be placed no personal papers or property of any kind, but only the Rituals and such other property of the Fraternity as is strictly esoteric in nature. This box shall not be opened except jointly by the President of the Fraternity and the National Secretary, or their deputies. This box shall be held in the corporate name of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho, and the cost of its rental shall be paid during each year, as a fixed charge, by the National Treasurer. [Act 701.]

Sec. 5. *CARE OF RITUAL BY CHAPTERS.* Each Resident Chapter shall keep its copy of the Ritual under lock and key in its Chapter Hall, or, if it have no Chapter Hall for the time, in a locked receptacle containing only papers of the Chapter. The key of such place shall be held by the proper Ritual Officer, who shall be responsible therefor. The Ritual shall not be taken from the chapter house, except it be for a council held elsewhere, or for return to the National Secretary [Act 701], or if, during college vacation, it be deemed safer elsewhere by the proper Ritual Officer. [President of the Fraternity from chair, on question, 9 Aug 1907.]

Sec. 6. *PROHIBITION ON COPYING RITUAL.* No copy of the Ritual, or of any portion thereof, shall be made by any Brother at any time for any purpose. [Act 701.] No Brother or Brothers shall for any purpose whatsoever make any written quotations from the esoteric portions of the Ritual or any written explanations or abridgments of the same. [Act 901.]

Act 901 is binding subject to the reserved Ritual rights of the President of the Fraternity, who in matters of Ritual holds his trust from the Fraternity rather than from the National Convention, and is, therefore, in Ritual matters superior to the National Convention. [President of the Fraternity from chair, before National Council, 28 Mch 1907.]



## STATUTE XIV.

Sec. 1. *RESTRICTION ON PUBLICATIONS.* No Fraternity publication, except chapter periodicals, shall be undertaken by any Brother or Brothers for any purpose whatsoever without the express consent and approval of the National Council. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

## STATUTE XV.

Sec. 1. *THE GARNET AND WHITE.* The Garnet and White shall be the official exoteric organ of the Fraternity. [Act 106.] It shall be issued five times during the college year by the National Editor and the Publication Manager. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 2. *FUNCTIONS OF THE GARNET AND WHITE.* The functions of The Garnet and White are to preserve from time to time and present the current items in the exoteric history of the Fraternity; to keep the Brothers of the Order correctly posted as to important movements, methods, and lessons of experience in other fraternities, having a bearing upon current problems in Alpha Chi Rho; to act as a medium for official announcements of the President of the Fraternity, the National Convention, and the National Council; to promote enthusiasm by interesting the Brothers in different forms of fraternal activity and work; and to represent the Landmarks and ideals of the Brotherhood clearly and constantly to its own Brothers and to the outer world. [Edict 5 My 1906.]

Every Chapter should use every effort to solicit, collect, purchase, or otherwise obtain a complete file of The Garnet and White since the Chapter's institution, and these files should be in the custody of the Recorder until complete, and should then be immediately sent to the Publication Manager to be bound, and should then be kept on file at the chapter rooms. In addition to collecting and binding volumes of The Garnet and White to date, the volume for each year should be bound at the end of said year, and added to the original collection. [Resolution 902.]

(XIV) See Constitution, VII 9.

(XV) See Constitution, IV 7, note. There has been considerable legislation on The Garnet and White: Cf. Acts 106, 107, 108, 121, 122, 206, 309, 313, 807, 808, 811, 905, 906, 907, 909; Edicts 16 Ap 1904, 5 My 1906, 28 Mch 1907.

## STATUTE XVI.

Sec. 1. *THE GARNET AND WHITE FUND.* The Garnet and White shall be maintained by The Garnet and White Fund, which shall consist of receipts from subscriptions, advertisements, and other authorized sources. It shall be held and administered, subject to the general control of the National Council, by the Publication Manager. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 2. *RESTRICTION ON BORROWING.* No sum or sums shall be borrowed by the Publication Manager from any person or persons except the National Council, the National Editor, or the Publication Manager. [Act 808.] No formal loans shall be contracted or notes issued by the Publication Manager without the express consent and approval of the National Council. [Edict 5 My 1906.]

Sec. 3. *SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF THE GARNET AND WHITE.* The subscription price of The Garnet and White shall be one dollar a year, payable in advance [Act 313]; single copies, twenty-five cents each. [Edict 5 My 1906.]

Sec. 4. *BACK NUMBERS.* The Publication Manager shall not dispose of any numbers of Volumes I-IV without express permission of the National Council on his own recommendation. The Publication Manager may, at his discretion, dispose of numbers of the later volumes at the price of twenty-five cents per copy, except that he shall supply said back numbers free when it can be shown that through the fault of the Publication Manager they were not received by the subscribers. [Edict 5 My 1906.]

## STATUTE XVII.

Sec. 1. *SUBSCRIPTION OF RESIDENT BROTHERS.* Each Resident Chapter shall be held responsible for the subscription of all its Resident Brothers to The Garnet and White, and accordingly there shall be forwarded to the Publication Manager one dollar for each Brother initiated, immediately after his initiation, to cover his subscription for one year, and one dollar for the renewal of the subscription of each Resident Brother whenever it expires. [Act 907.]



**Sec. 2. CONTINUED RESPONSIBILITY OF RESIDENT CHAPTER.** In case a member of a Resident Chapter is not subscribing to The Garnet and White at the time he becomes a member of a Graduate Chapter, the Resident Chapter is not thereby released from its obligation as set forth hereinbefore. [Act 907.]

**Sec. 3. SUBSCRIPTION OF GRADUATE BROTHERS.** Each Graduate Chapter shall be held responsible for the subscription of one-third of its members to The Garnet and White, and its Secretary shall be required to aid the Publication Manager in the collection of the requisite number of subscriptions. [Act 907.]

**Sec. 4. DIRECT SUBSCRIPTIONS.** A subscription paid directly by a Brother to the Publication Manager shall be credited to the account of the Chapter of which the Brother is a member. [Act 907.]

**Sec. 5. BASIS OF COMPUTATION.** The basis of computation of the obligations of the several Chapters shall be the official records of the National Secretary. [Act 907.]

**Sec. 6. PENALTY OF DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.** Any Chapter failing to make payment in full in accordance with this statute on or before the first day of February of each year, shall be reported to the National Convention as not in good standing, and the National Delegates elected in such reported Chapter shall not be permitted to sit in the National Convention until it shall have been placed in good standing. [Act 907.]

### STATUTE XVIII.

**Sec. 1. CHAPTER LETTERS.** Chapter letters intended for publication in The Garnet and White shall be presented by the Chapter Recorders to their respective Chapters at the council next preceding the date such letters are due, and the Chapters shall give the letters such consideration as may tend toward better and more concise representation of the events of Chapter life in such letters. [Act 906.]

**Sec. 2. PENALTY FOR LATE CHAPTER LETTERS.** Each Chapter whose letter to The Garnet and White is more than one week late shall pay a fine to the National Treasury of one dollar for each offense, and one dollar for each additional week that it is late. [Act 909.]

### STATUTE XIX.

**Sec. 1. THE PAN-HELLENIC FRATERNITY LIBRARY.** The National Secretary shall represent Alpha Chi Rho in the affairs of the Pan-Hellenic Fraternity Library Collection of the New York Public Library; and the National Editor and the Publication Manager are authorized to bind and set aside for this purpose a set of The Garnet and White from the beginning of the second volume to date, and to bind and furnish subsequent volumes as printed, in order to keep the file complete to date. [Act 905.]

### STATUTE XX.

**Sec. 1. THE LABARUM.** The Labarum shall be the official semi-esoteric publication of the Fraternity. It shall be issued annually or oftener, at the discretion of the National Council, by the National Editor, the Publication Manager, and the National Secretary. [Edict 28 Mch 1907.]

**Sec. 2. FUNCTION OF THE LABARUM.** The Labarum shall embody the Convention Acts, Council Edicts, Official Decisions, reports of National Officers and Committees, or extracts from the same, and such Chapter reports and other matter as may be thought expedient. [Edict 28 Mch 1907.]

**Sec. 3. DISTRIBUTION OF THE LABARUM.** The Labarum shall be sent, without charge, to all Brothers who are subscribers to The Garnet and White

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(XIX) The Pan-Hellenic Library collection was started at the suggestion of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity in 1906. The collection is open to the general public at the New York Public Library.



and to such other Brothers in good standing as may signify in writing each year their desire to receive the same. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

Sec. 4. *MAINTENANCE OF THE LABARUM.* The cost of publishing The Labarum shall be defrayed equally from The Garnet and White Fund and the General Fund. [Edicts 28 Mch 1907, 26 J1 1907.]

### STATUTE XXI.

Sec. 1. *DIRECTORY.* The Fraternity Directory shall be issued septennially, under the direction of the National Council, by the National Editor, the Publication Manager, and the National Recorder. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

### STATUTE XXII.

Sec. 1. *CHANGE OF PUBLISHERS.* The National Editor and the Publication Manager shall have power to change publishers or alter the size of publications as they see fit. [Edict 16 Ap 1904.]

### STATUTE XXIII.

Sec. 1. *BOOKS AND STATIONERY.* The several National Officers are authorized to procure books and stationery necessary for the proper conduct of their offices, at the expense of the Fraternity. [Act 604.]

Sec. 2. *CHAPTER RECORDS AND REPORTS.* Every Resident Chapter and every Graduate Chapter shall keep such records and make such reports as the National Secretary, with the approval and consent of the National Council, may from time to time direct. [Act 805.]

Sec. 3. *BUSINESS FORMS.* The National Secretary shall prepare from time to time, with the consent and approval of the National Council, such forms as may be thought useful for the expedition of business, and shall keep the same on file. Such collection shall be known as the Formulary of the Fraternity. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

(XXI) The first directory was published in 1902.

### STATUTE XXIV.

Sec. 1. *REPORTS OF RESIDENTS OF GRADUATE CHAPTERS.* The Resident of each Graduate Chapter shall report to the Graduate Secretary all letters written by him and visits made to the Graduate Brothers; and this report shall be embodied by the Graduate Secretary in his yearly report to the National Convention. [Act 904.]

### STATUTE XXV.

Sec. 1. *SEAL.* The Seal of the Fraternity shall be of oval form, bearing a likeness of the Badge with seven stars below it, surrounded by the inscription in Greek, "The Seal of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho." [Act 605, Edict 16 Ap 1904.]

Sec. 2. *COAT-OF-ARMS.* The Coat-of-Arms of the Fraternity shall be: Arms: *argent*, a Saltire *gules* debrousing a Crook *murrey* between two Torches of the same flamed *proper*; On a canton *azure*, three Crowns two and one *or*; CREST: a cubit arm appaumée, *proper*, armed *argent*, charged on the cuff with an Estoile of seven points *gules*; SUPPORTERS: a Sword and Crook in saltire, both *proper*, the Sword pommeled *or*; Motto: 'ANAPI'ZEESOE. [Act 706.]

Sec. 3. *MOTTO.* The Exoteric Motto of the Fraternity is 'ANAPI'ZEESOE—BE MEN. [Expressed Decision of Nat. Conv., 18 Feb 1905.]

(XXIV) See Constitution, IX 4.

(XXV 1) See below, XXVI 3, with note.

(XXV 2) The coat-of-arms is regularly on a shield of the familiar Norman type. For the convenience of those who have no training in the technicalities of heraldry, the following explanation of the above is inserted: The surface of the shield bears a red (*gules*) St. Andrew's cross (saltire) which is placed over (debruising) a brown (*murrey*) crook between two burning torches in the natural tint (*proper*); a small square (canton) of blue (*azure*) in the upper right hand corner of the shield bears three golden (*or*) crowns. The crest above the shield consists of an arm cut off at the elbow (cubit arm), the hand turned outward (appaumée) and the cuff bearing a red seven-pointed star. A naturally tinted sword and crook are usually crossed as supporters behind the shield, the hilt of the sword being of gold (pommeled *or*).



Sec. 4. **COLORS.** The Colors of the Fraternity are Garnet on White. [Tacit Decision of Nat. Conv., 13 Feb 1904.]

The colors of the Fraternity are not White on Garnet. [Tacit Decision of Nat. Conv., 13 Feb 1904; President of the Fraternity from chair, before National Council, 5 My 1906.]

Sec. 5. **PLEDGE PIN.** The Pledge Pin of the Fraternity shall be a square lapel button of white enamel, bearing the ancient and accepted form of the Labarum in garnet. [Act 803.]

The use of the Pledge Pin is not compulsory in places where pledge pins are not used customarily, but where any pledge pin is used it must henceforth be the standard Pledge Pin. [President of the Fraternity from chair in Nat. Conv., 18 Feb 1905.]

Sec. 6. **FLOWERS.** The flowers of the Fraternity shall be carnations of the Fraternity colors. [Act 402.]

Sec. 7. **MARK.** The Mark or public sign of recog-

nition of the Fraternity is a piece of narrow garnet ribbon about eight inches long, doubled, the loop passed through the button-hole of the lapel from behind, and the free ends passed through the loop and hanging down the coat. [Act 607, Edict 16 Ap 1904.]

Sec. 8. **SONGS.** The Songs of the Fraternity shall include "Amici" and "Sing Heigh, Sing Ho," and shall be collected from time to time by special committees and published under the direction of the National Council. [Acts 114, 115, 312.]

The pronunciation of the word "Amici" in the song shall be Amici. [Act 714.]

Sec. 9. **FLAG OR BANNER.** The official Banner of the Fraternity shall be a square of white bordered right and left by strips of garnet one-half the width of the square; in the center of the square of white shall be the ancient and accepted form of the Labarum in garnet and of sufficient dimensions. [Edict 27 J1 1907.]

(XXV 4) The Fraternity colors, garnet and white, were adopted on the recommendation of a committee composed of Revered Brothers Rouse and Carl G. Ziegler, by regulation of Phi Psi on the 21st of February, 1896.

Garnet is a dark red bordering on maroon. The use of reds not decidedly garnet is prohibited. [Edict 5 My 1906.]

(XXV 5) Cf. former Acts 209, 609, 707, 708.

## STATUTE XXVI.

Sec. 1. **CENSORSHIP OF EMBLEMS, ETC.** The National Council shall be, *ex-officio*, a committee on insignia, emblems, and stationery, having complete control over, and sole power to regulate, all insignia, emblems, and stationery, and other matters concerning in any way the use and display of the Badge, Coat-of-Arms, Labarum, or any other devices, monograms, etc., in which the Fraternity is represented by written, printed, designed, or engraved symbols of any kind. No stationery, jewelry, or other devices, hereinbefore mentioned or covered, shall be used by the National Fraternity, by any Chapter, or by any individual Brother, unless the design of the same shall have been approved by the National Council. [Act 802.]

Sec. 2. **AUTHORIZED DEALERS IN EMBLEMS, ETC.** The National Secretary shall keep on file a list of firms authorized by the National Council to deal in the insignia, emblems, stationery, and jewelry of the Fraternity. [Act 815.]

Sec. 3. **USE OF DESIGN OF BADGE.** The design of the Badge is restricted to the Badge worn by each Brother. It may not be used on other jewelry, on stationery, on shields, steins, pipes, cigarettes, or be engraved or represented in any manner, except that such design may be used on the Fraternity Seal, within the Chapter Hall of a Chapter, and for insertion in Baird's Manual and similar publications. No new cut of the Badge shall henceforth be made. [Edict 5 My 1906.]

(XXVI 1) The Badge was designed by the Revered Founders of the Fraternity. It is one of the most important Ritual emblems and its control is therefore a matter of particular Ritual provision. Consult the Ritual Code and the proper prescripts.

The following decisions are noteworthy:  
"The proper position in which to wear the Badge of the Order shall be as nearly as possible identical with that in which it is displayed in all authoritative illustrations or representations of the same, i. e., it shall be vertical rather than diagonal." [Tacit Decision Nat. Conv., 23 Feb 1906.]

"Under no circumstances may diamonds be used on the Badge of the Fraternity." [President of the Fraternity from chair, in National Convention, 18 Feb 1905, and before National Council, 5 My 1906.]



The design of the Badge may not be used in college annuals. [President of the Fraternity from chair, on question, 9 Aug 1907.]

Sec. 4. *USE OF ENSIGN.* The general use of the Ensign, or ancient and accepted form of the Labarum, is hereby authorized. It may be used on jewelry, stationery, or other devices. [Edict 5 My 1906.]

Sec. 5. *USE OF COAT-OF-ARMS.* The Coat-of-Arms may be engraved on stationery, in college annuals, or represented on shields or other devices. The Crest by itself may be used on stationery. [Edict 5 My 1906.]

Sec. 6. *USE OF RITUAL FRONTISPIECE.* The design of the frontispiece to the Ritual may be engraved, painted, or drawn for purposes of ornamentation in Chapter Halls or in the rooms of individual Brothers. Its use on stationery or in college annuals is prohibited. [Edict 5 My 1906.]

Sec. 7. *EXECUTION OF STATUTE.* The execution and interpretation of this statute shall be intrusted to a National Councillor, designated annually by the National Council. [Edict 26 J1 1907.]

## THE DISCIPLINARY CODE



## Introductory Note

The Disciplinary Code of the Fraternity was adopted by the New York Session of 1907 as Acts 902 and 911. Its use is compulsory in all cases involving discipline in the Fraternity, whether in National Convention, in National Council, or in Resident Chapters. By Constitutional provision, this Code can be amended only by three-fourths vote of the National Convention. It must be in harmony with the Ritual and the Constitution of the Fraternity.

## The Disciplinary Code

### CHAPTER I.

#### OF JURISDICTION.

Section 1. Proceedings against a Resident Brother in Alpha Chi Rho may be instituted in the Resident Chapter of which the Brother is a member, in the National Council, or in the National Convention.

Sec. 2. Proceedings against a Graduate Brother in Alpha Chi Rho may be instituted in the National Council or in the National Convention.

Sec. 3. Proceedings against a Resident or Graduate Chapter may be instituted in the National Council or in the National Convention.

Sec. 4. In all cases where complaint against a Brother is made by a Brother of some other Chapter, or by a Graduate Brother, proceedings may be instituted only before the National Council or National Convention.

Sec. 5. In all cases of discipline by a Chapter, appeal may be taken to the President of the Fraternity or to the National Convention, or both; in all cases of discipline by the National Council, appeal may be taken to the National Convention. Appeal must be taken within 30 days of the decision from which appeal is taken.

Sec. 6. A decision is binding until reversed by higher authority.

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(Sec. 2.) A Graduate Brother who disturbs the harmony or order of a Resident Chapter should be reported to the National Council. The Graduate Chapter has no disciplinary control over its members.



## CHAPTER II.

## OF OFFENSES.

Sec. 7. A Brother in Alpha Chi Rho may be proceeded against for any of the following causes: (1) Public apostasy from the Christian Faith; (2) Crime, or serious offense against the moral law; (3) Unfraternal or scandalous conduct; (4) Offense against the Ritual, Constitution, or other law of the Fraternity.

Sec. 8. A Resident Chapter or a Graduate Chapter may be proceeded against for any of the following causes: (1) Contumacy to the authority of the National Council, of the President of the Fraternity, or of the National Convention; (2) Departure from any Landmark of the Fraternity; (3) Offense against the Ritual, Constitution, or other law of the Fraternity.

## CHAPTER III.

## OF TRIALS BY RESIDENT CHAPTER.

Sec. 9. Complaint upon which proceedings are to be based must be made in writing by at least three Brothers in good standing, and must contain an orderly statement of the facts upon which proceedings should be based. If two or more Brothers are to be proceeded against, the complaint must be made separately against each such Brother.

Sec. 10. Such complaint shall be filed with the Corresponding Secretary, who shall present it to the Chapter at its first regular council thereafter, and, if the Chapter, by a majority vote, shall agree to entertain the same, it shall be entered upon the Record, and a copy thereof, duly certified, shall be served on the accused by the Corresponding Secretary personally or by registered mail.

Sec. 11. After the Corresponding Secretary shall have served the copy of the complaint on the accused and certified thereto, the Chapter shall fix a time for

(Sec. 8.) See Constitution, VIII 7; IX 9.

the trial, of which the accused shall be promptly notified by the Corresponding Secretary personally or by registered mail.

Sec. 12. Each Resident member of the Chapter shall be notified of the date fixed upon; and at such council, and during all the proceedings thereof, the accused shall be permitted to be present, except when the Chapter shall proceed to its finding upon the testimony adduced, when the accused shall retire.

Sec. 13. The accused shall have all necessary opportunity for the presentation of testimony in his defense, and all exceptions made by him to any testimony presented, shall be entered upon the Record. All testimony shall be reduced to writing in the presence of the witnesses, and at its close shall be signed by them. Testimony of persons not members of the Fraternity, if reduced to writing and sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths, shall be admitted as evidence in the trial.

Sec. 14. When the testimony is in, the Chapter shall then proceed to a ballot to determine its finding, and it shall require a two-thirds vote to find a Brother guilty.

Sec. 15. If the accused shall fail to answer the complaint or shall fail to present himself or a Brother to represent himself at the day and place specified for the trial, he shall be formally adjudged guilty by default, and notice thereof shall be promptly served upon him personally or by registered mail.

Sec. 16. At the close of the trial, it shall be the duty of the Chapter at once to make a full transcript of the record of the case, and to transmit it, with the original testimony, to the National Secretary.

Sec. 17. An appeal by a Brother from the decision of the Chapter must be made in writing, specifically stating the grounds of such appeal, and must be sent to the President of the Fraternity, and a copy thereof to the Corresponding Secretary of the Chapter, within thirty days of the decision from which appeal is taken.

Sec. 18. The President of the Fraternity shall pro-

(Sec. 18.) See Constitution, III 2; VIII 3.  
This, of course, does not refer to appeals on Ritual decisions.



ceed to consider and determine such appeal in such manner as he may deem best. Appeal may be taken from the President of the Fraternity to the National Convention.

## CHAPTER IV.

### OF TRIALS BY NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Sec. 19. Complaint upon which proceedings are to be based may be made by any three Brothers in good standing, by a Resident or Graduate Chapter, or may originate within the National Council.

Sec. 20. Such complaint shall be made in writing and must contain an orderly statement of the facts upon which proceedings should be based. Such complaint shall be filed with the National Secretary, who shall present it to the National Council at its next meeting.

Sec. 21. The National Council shall conduct trials in such manner as it may deem best.

Sec. 22. It shall require a unanimous vote of the National Council to suspend any Chapter, and a four-fifths vote to determine any other matter of discipline.

Sec. 23. An appeal by any Chapter, or Brother, from a decision of the National Council must be in writing, specifically stating the grounds of appeal, and must be filed with the National Secretary within thirty days after the notice of such decision. Upon the taking of such appeal, the National Secretary shall transmit the entire record in the case to the Committee on Discipline of the National Convention.

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"The President of the Fraternity in matters of Ritual holds his trust from the Fraternity rather than from the National Convention, and is, therefore, in Ritual matters superior to the National Convention." [President of the Fraternity from chair, before National Council, 28 Mch 1907.]

(Sec. 21.) Judicial power was vested in the National Council by the New York Session of 1904. See Constitution, VII 6.

(Sec. 22.) See Constitution, VII 5, 6.

(Sec. 23.) See Constitution, V 4; VII 3.

## CHAPTER V.

### OF TRIALS BY NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Sec. 24. Complaint upon which proceedings are to be based may be made by any Resident or Graduate Chapter, or by any member of the National Convention.

Sec. 25. Such complaint shall be made in writing and must contain an orderly statement of the facts upon which proceedings should be based. Such complaint shall be filed with the National Secretary.

Sec. 26. The President of the Fraternity shall annually appoint a standing Committee on Discipline, consisting of three members. All appeals and complaints made to the National Convention shall be referred to this Committee, and trials coming within the jurisdiction of the National Convention shall be conducted as the Committee may deem best.

Sec. 27. The Committee on Discipline shall report the full record and transcript of testimony in each case, with recommendations, to the National Convention. The National Convention by majority vote may proceed to pass sentence on each case reported by the Committee.

## CHAPTER VI.

### OF PENALTIES.

Sec. 28. A Resident Chapter on finding a Brother guilty shall at once proceed to fix the penalty. It may by majority vote impose a fine, or by a two-thirds vote suspend the Brother from the privileges of the Fraternity for a term not to exceed one year.

Sec. 29. The National Council may by four-fifths vote suspend any Brother from the privileges of the Fraternity, and may by unanimous vote suspend any Resident or Graduate Chapter.

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(Sec. 26-27.) See Constitution, V 4.

(Sec. 28.) See Constitution, VIII 3.

(Sec. 29.) See Constitution, VII 5, 6; VIII 8; IX 9.



Sec. 30. The National Convention may by three-fourths vote suspend any Brother from the privileges of the Fraternity or suspend any Resident or Graduate Chapter, and may by unanimous vote, exclusive of the vote of the National Delegates elected by the Phi to which the Brother or Chapter under consideration belongs, expel a Brother or cancel the charter of a Resident Chapter or dissolve a Graduate Chapter.

Sec. 31. The suspension of a member is a temporary withdrawal of the rights and privileges of the Fraternity. A suspended member is still accounted a Brother and is subject to the discipline and general rules of the Fraternity, but he may not attend any council of any Chapter or any other meeting of the Fraternity or hold any office. Such suspended member shall be considered not in good standing, and shall promptly deliver his Badge into the custody of the National Secretary to be retained by that officer until the expiration of the term of suspension.

Sec. 32. The suspension of a Resident or Graduate Chapter is the temporary interdiction on the discharge of the respective functions of Resident or Graduate Chapter. Such suspended body shall be considered not in good standing, and shall promptly deliver its charter or authorization into the custody of the National Secretary and turn over all its other effects to the National Council. The individual Brothers of such suspended body, however, unless specifically included in the discipline, shall still be considered Brothers in good standing.

Sec. 33. The expulsion of a member is the severance of the tie between the Brother and the Frater-

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(Sec. 30.) See Constitution, VI 5; VIII 8; IX 9.

(Sec. 31.) This is based on Convention Act 113 and on decisions by Phi Psi, 8 June 1898, and by the President of the Fraternity from chair, before National Council, 29 Oct 1904.

(Sec. 32.) This is based on a decision of the President of the Fraternity from chair, before National Council, 18 Ap 1903.

(Sec. 33.) "The act of expulsion by the National Convention is in every case absolutely final, and the only manner in which such a case may be reopened and reviewed is by declaration of the National Council as high court of justice, based on some evident error or illegality in the proceedings, that such expulsion

nity. An expelled member loses all rights and privileges and forfeits all claim on the Fraternity. Such person may not again become a member of Alpha Chi Rho.

Sec. 34. The cancellation of the charter of a Resident Chapter or the dissolution of a Graduate Chapter is the permanent revocation of all being, rights, and privileges, of the Resident or Graduate Chapter respectively. The individual Brothers of such body, however, unless specifically included in the discipline, shall still be considered Brothers in good standing.

Sec. 35. The National Council, on the discovery of some evident error or illegality in the proceedings, may by unanimous consent issue a declaration setting aside a decision of the National Convention in a case involving expulsion from the Fraternity, in which event the Brother concerned shall be restored to full rights and privileges, and expulsion shall not be considered to have been effected, unless the National Convention at its next regular annual session shall renew sentence of expulsion, in which case the National Council may not again issue a declaration of error.

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was really never effected." [President of the Fraternity from chair, before National Council, 6 Dec 1905.] See Section 35 of this Code.

"It is the sense of the National Convention, in ninth regular Session assembled, that any intercourse by a Brother with one who has broken his oaths and been expelled in due course from the Fraternity, beyond what is absolutely necessary, is unfitting, and should be discountenanced." [Resolution, 23 Feb 1907.]



I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and just copy of the Constitution and Codes of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho now in force on this first day of November, A. D. 1907, all former laws and usages, save Ritual, to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Signed]

CARLTON HUNTLEY HAYES,  
National Secretary.



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